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## THRIFT WEEK WILL LOOM WELL HERE

### GENERAL OBSERVANCE THROUGHOUT COUNTY

Extensive Programs Have Been Arranged by Every County School, and Prizes Will Be Offered for Essays and Posters.

With the passage of the Freeman Bill, Thrift education in the schools of Ohio is compulsory. This, however, is only one reason why the teachers and school boards throughout Medina county are anxious to make the most possible out of the National Thrift Week, Jan. 17-24.

The details of the Thrift Week program for the schools have been carefully worked out by County Superintendent Ulerly and the heartiest co-operation is anticipated on all sides from the largest centralized school to the most remote one-room center. None of these smaller schools will be slighted in the opportunities of either the exhibits or the contests.

The schools will observe the daily program of Thrift Week. Before Jan. 17 each school will have had a chance to study the comprehensive set of exhibit charts which have been provided by the County Thrift committee. Then beginning with the 17th, Monday there will be special assembly periods each day in the centralized schools and a special period each day in the smaller schools, given over entirely to the specific thrift subject, on the national week program. The Thrift talks given by teachers or others appointed by them each day will be as follows:

Monday—The value of a Bank Account.

Tuesday—Why make a Budget and keep an Expense Account?

Wednesday—The value of Life Insurance.

Thursday—The Advantage of Owning your Home.

Friday—Pay your Bills Promptly.

Special time on Friday afternoon, Jan. 23, will be set aside in all schools for the writing of essays on Thrift subjects. Each pupil may select any subject in keeping with the Thrift Week messages. The essays will be limited to a maximum of two hundred words. The County Thrift Week committee has provided a five-dollar gold piece as an award for the best essay in each of the four years of high school and the seventh and eighth grades. By awarding the prizes in this way the pupils in each year of school are competing with those in all schools of the county in the same year of school, and the smaller schools have an equal chance with the larger. In every case if the prize is used to open a savings account, it will be credited as \$6.00 by the bank in which the account is opened.

Another unique feature of the school program is the contest in original Thrift posters. Under the direction of the drawing teachers, where there are such, the best original poster designs on any phase of the Thrift program, will be submitted to the judges. This contest of course is open to every student in the schools of Medina county.

The judges for both the essays and posters will be authorized by the county Board of Education and will work with Mr. Ulerly in the consideration of the awards. No school can submit more than three essays from each of the grades involved. This will insure the county judges getting the best one in each case, but will avoid the necessity of their considering all of the two to three thousand papers which will be written in the interests of Thrift.

One of the most lasting features of Thrift Week in the schools will be the inauguration of a school banking system in each school throughout the county. Pass books, stamps and all details are in readiness for the promotion of an effective savings system for all pupils who are wise enough to avail themselves of the opportunity. In each case this will be supervised by the teacher and in centralized schools the bank will afford valuable business experience to those students who are fortunate enough to work with the savings system.

### MEDINA BOY ACHIEVES YOUTHFUL AMBITION

Members of the Kiwanis club listened to a very interesting talk at their luncheon last Friday by a well-known Medina boy, Ralph Worden. During the period of the late war, and since, Ralph has been in the naval radio service of the government, which service has taken him to many distant parts of the world.

Previous to his enlistment, Ralph had spent his leisure time in Medina in study and experiment with wireless telegraphy, his ambition being to become an expert in the work. The experience he has had during the past three or four years has enabled him to achieve his ambition, and his talk to the Kiwanis club was a brief resume of his activities during that period.

### KIWANIS CLUB WILL HEAR ELYRIA'S MAYOR

A distinguished visitor and speaker will be at the Kiwanis club luncheon today, Friday, in the person of Hon. Asaph Jones, mayor of Elyria.

Mayor Jones is widely known for his oratorical ability and as a Kiwanian stands high in the estimation of the organization, his name having been suggested at various times for a position with the International body. Mayor Jones' talk before the local club Friday will be along the line of Kiwanis ideals.

### RAILROAD DETECTIVES ACCUSE LODI MAN

Charge Him With Receiving Property Stolen From Train

Adolph Knoll, wealthy junk and poultry dealer of Lodi, was placed under arrest Thursday of last week by Wheeling & Lake Erie detectives, charged with receiving stolen property. Knoll spent the night in the county jail. Before Justice W. P. Ainsworth Friday morning he waived examination and was bound over to the next term of court under a bond of \$500, which was promptly signed by Knoll and George and Merle Keener.

The detectives claim that three barrels of turkeys were taken from the "high ball" freight at Lodi, while in transit, some time ago. They state that investigation disclosed that Knoll shipped three barrels of turkeys to the Farmers' Produce Co. of Cleveland about the time the railroad's consignment turned up missing, and that Knoll had collected from them of the produce company.

Knoll acknowledges having shipped a consignment of what he supposed were chickens to the Cleveland Produce Co., but denies having collected for them, and also denies having had anything to do with the disappearance of the railroad consignment. According to Knoll's statement to local officials, he came into possession of the fowls in the following manner:

A young man drove up to his place of business with a truck, stating that the machine needed repairing and that he would be unable to take his load of chickens to the city, and asking Knoll to buy them. Knoll says he told the man he didn't want them, whereupon the stranger asked him to ship them to the city for him and that he would later drive into the city and collect for them. Knoll declares that to be the extent of his connection with the affair, that he has never seen the stranger since, and does not know whether the fowls were ever settled for, or not.

### Y. M. C. A. MEETING AT LODI

The January meeting of the Medina County Y. M. C. A. committee was held Monday evening at Taylor Inn, Lodi. There were eighteen men present at the dinner and business meeting, representing Wadsworth, Medina, Leroy, Seville, Lodi, Chippewa Lake and Brunswick.

During the course of the business meeting the representative of the County Thrift committee reported excellent set up for county-wide Thrift propaganda on the part of the general County Thrift committee, the report of the secretary was received, the first announcement of Father and Son movement in February was made, and the new Boys' orchestra of the county association was announced.

Following the business session, David W. Teachout of the A. Teachout Lumber Company of Cleveland gave a very practical talk on "Mixing Christianity With Your Business." He is one of Cleveland's successful business men who for the past ten years has had time to do some substantial volunteer work with the Cleveland Y. M. C. A. and other similar organizations.

After the session was dismissed the men present took time to look over one of the Thrift exhibits to be used throughout the county by the Thrift committee.

The next meeting of the County committee of the Y. M. C. A. will be held on March 7, at Ye Tavern, Leroy.

### SUES FOR DIVORCE

Geo. A. Huffman has entered suit against his wife, Nettie H. Huffman, for divorce, custody of minor child, alimony and injunction. Defendant charges infidelity with one Robert Nurse, at various times during the months from August to December, 1920, at the Union hotel, Medina, which at the time was being conducted by the Huffmans. He further declares that both his wife and Nurse disappeared about Dec. 4, and of her present location he is ignorant. Plaintiff states that he owned real estate in Medina township, at the sale of which defendant refused to sign conveyance of deed until plaintiff conveyed to defendant title to the Union Hotel property in Medina village. This he did, he says, but denies there having been any consideration paid. Wherefore the court is asked to set aside the deed. L. J. Flickinger, present lessee of the hotel, is made party defendant to the suit, and the court is asked that he be directed to pay all rentals to Huffman. F. W. Woods, attorney for plaintiff.

### GUILFORD WOMAN DEAD

Magdalena Brandt, wife of L. J. Brandt, residing 1-2 mile north of Center Guilford, died Thursday evening, Dec. 30, after a week's illness, death being due to brain fever. The deceased was a native of Switzerland, was aged 41 years, 2 months and 17 days. She is survived by her husband and six children. Funeral services were held at the late home Sunday, with burial at Seville. Rev. Glander of Wadsworth and Rev. Southern of Creston conducted the service.

### MONTVILLE WOMAN DEAD

Mrs. Emma Shilling, residing at Windfall in Montville township, died on Sunday, Jan. 2, at the age of 62 years, 7 months and 10 days. She was a native of Hungary, where she was born May 22, 1858. Mrs. Shilling was a widow and is survived by five children, three sons and two daughters. Funeral services were held from the home on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and interment made in Spring Grove cemetery.

## FARM BUREAU HIRES AGENT FOR COUNTY

### BEGINS WORK HERE ON JANUARY 10TH

R. H. Halderson of Elkins, W. Va., Accepts Medina Position at Annual Salary of \$4200—Comes Highly Endorsed.

As stated exclusively in the Sentinel two weeks ago, the directors of the Medina County Farm Bureau had settled upon the identity of a new county agent, and were only awaiting for the prospective candidate to investigate two or three other similar positions open to him.

This candidate, as previously stated, is Mr. R. H. Halderson of Elkins, W. Va.

The Farm Bureau Directors received word this week from Mr. Halderson that he accepts the position in Medina county and will be ready to take up the work here on Jan. 10.

Mr. Halderson is said to be a man of exceptional ability as an agriculturist and executive, and has achieved a remarkable record as county agent at Elkins during the past five years.

It is understood that Mr. Halderson will receive a total salary of \$4200 a year, \$600 of which is allowed as automobile expense.

Upon Mr. Halderson's arrival in Medina a meeting of the directors of the bureau will be called and a new executive committee appointed to advise with the agent in the beginning of his new duties.

Medina county has been without an agent since the resignation of S. H. Salisbury several months ago, by reason of which a vast amount of work has accumulated, the disposition of which will require a considerable amount of Mr. Halderson's time at the outset.

## DEATH OF AGED MEDINA WOMAN

### RESIDED HERE FOR NEARLY FORTY YEARS

Mrs. Mary M. Spafford Answers Last Call, Following Long Period of Gradually Failing Health—Was 84 Years of Age.

Bowed by weight of years, Mrs. Mary M. Spafford, widow of the late Harry H. Spafford, passed from life on the first day of the new year, at her home, 501 West Friendship street, at the advanced age of 84 years, 10 months and 17 days, of incident infirmities incident to her age.

The deceased was the youngest of six children born to Erasmus and Elizabeth Beckwith, the date of her birth being Feb. 14, 1836, and place Strongsville, Cuyahoga county, Ohio. Bereft of her mother at the tender age of two years, a few years later she went to make her home with her mother's sister, Mrs. Electa Oviatt, at Parma, Ohio, where she resided until her marriage to Mr. Spafford on July 4, 1854. To Mr. and Mrs. Spafford were born four children, two of whom died in infancy. The two surviving are Merwin B. Spafford of Medina and Mrs. Edith F. Jones of Cleveland. The husband and father died a number of years ago.

For several years following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Spafford were engaged in farm work in Cuyahoga, Summit and Medina counties, when in 1882 the family moved to Medina village, where husband and wife spent the remainder of their lives.

Funeral services were held from the home on Monday afternoon, Jan. 3, conducted by Rev. R. K. Caulk, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, and interment was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

### 18 FARM BODIES TO MEET IN COLUMBUS

Eighteen Ohio state agricultural associations will meet in Columbus during Farmers' Week at the Ohio State University, from Jan. 31 to Feb. 4. Following are the dates of the meetings:

Ohio State Corn and Grain show and Ohio Beekeepers' association, Jan. 31 to Feb. 4; Ohio Forestry association, Ohio Sheep and Wool Growers' association, and Conference of Central Ohio Community Choral association, Feb. 1; Ohio State Horticulture society and Ohio Holstein-Friesian Breeders' association, Feb. 1 and 2; Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, Feb. 1, 2 and 3; Ohio Poultry association, Ohio Guernsey association, and Ohio Percheron and Belgian Breeders' associations, Feb. 3; Ohio Vegetable Growers' association, Feb. 2 and 3; Ohio State Dairymen's association, and Ohio Rural Life association, Feb. 2, 3 and 4; Ohio Jersey Cattle club, Ohio Seed Improvement association, Ohio Duroc Jersey Breeders' association, Conference of Farmers' Institute Workers, and State Federation of Farm Women's Clubs, Feb. 3.

### FINED FOR DRUNKENNESS

Marshall Stowe White arrested while Humrichouser on North Court street Sunday night in a drunken condition and lodged him in the village lock-up for the night. Before Justice W. P. Ainsworth Monday morning Humrichouser pleaded guilty to the charge and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

## NOTABLE CAST FOR LEGION'S MUSICAL

### "MISS BOB WHITE" WILL APPEAR ON TIME

Big Benefit Production to Be Given at Princess Theater Two Nights—Characters Are All Drawn From Local Talent.

Medina's local musical and theatrical talent is preparing to stage one of the best musical comedies ever seen here. Miss Mildred Rieger of the John B. Rogers Producing company has been very agreeably surprised to find here a person who really fits every character in the production of "Miss Bob White," which is being staged from a financial standpoint to help with the furnishing of the new American Legion club rooms and to add to the Legion home building fund.

This project is in a position to become a reality if the Legion boys continue their known aggressiveness in accomplishing their purpose.

Rehearsals are being held in the parish house of the Episcopal church and much of the talent comes from the choir of that church.

"Miss Bob White" is nearly ready for presentation and will be found very entertaining to lovers of music and amateur theatricals. Those who enjoy comedy and brilliant costumes will be likewise pleased.

The story of the play is rather fantastic which makes it possible to present amusing and unique situations.

Two millionaires, Van Million and Tre Billion, have posted a freak election bet. It is arranged so that both lose. Of course they have to pay and accordingly both become actual tramps for a time.

Miss Bob White is in love with one of the tramps and disguised as a milk maid, follows them in their campaign as knights of the road, finally becoming a milkmaid on the farm of a Quaker farmer, Friend Rodd. The tramps have numerous encounters with Yankem, the country arm of the law, and consequently endure many laughable situations. The trend of the play is such that "All's well that ends well."

"Miss Bob White" is one of those productions that ends right, therefore leaving a pleasant taste in the mouth, a pleased impression such as helps one think the world is not entirely on the way to the eternal "bow-wow."

It is to be regretted that Medina's new community building is not ready for use. To enable as many as possible to attend a performance of "Miss Bob White," it will be staged two successive evenings, Jan. 11 and 12, and if there is call for a repetition, it is probable that this will be arranged.

The local people who take part are as follows:

Principal roles: Artie Tre Billion, Louis D. Best; Billy Van Million, Earl Thatcher; Miss Bob White, Claire Livingston; Miss Dorothy Leach; Miss Autumn; Miss Anna Bigelow; Friend Rodd, Jos. Seymour; Goldenrod, his daughter, Miss Lucille Offener; Yankem, constable, Boyd Davenport; The Duke of High Titles, Sam Brainerd; Lord Bashful, Harold Zeigler; Jack, a farmer lad, Fred Bohley; Maggie, a maid, Miss Sylvia Stewart; De Vere, Tre Billion's butler, Lloyd Fisher.

Colonial Dames' chorus: Misses Sylvia Sedgwick, Wanda White, Ruth Griffin, Esther Wertz, Yvonne McNeal, Helen Bigelow, Lucile Garver, and Avonell Handchey.

Fox Hunters' Chorus: Chas. Griesinger, Louis Bartholomew, Harlan Parker, Clarence Harding, Will Bohley and Everett Warren.

Milkmaids' chorus: Misses Juliet Warner, Helen Baldwin, Phyllis Offener, Bernice Best, Audrey Sedgwick, Doris Frazier, Lucy Snow and Ardis Merrick.

With the above cast those buying tickets can look forward to Jan. 11 and 12 with eagerness. Tickets can be purchased at either Wall's Drug Store, Park Drug Shoppe or from any American Legion member and canvassers. These exchange tickets will be exchanged for reservations at Park Drug Shoppe at 10 a. m., Jan. 10.

### LIFE-LONG RESIDENT OF TOWNSHIP DIES

Passing of Horatio Watkins, Veteran Citizen and Farmer

Horatio Watkins, a life long resident of Medina township passed from life at his home at Fenn's Corners, north of the village, on Friday of last week, of heart disease, following a prolonged period of gradually failing health, at the age of 72 years, 7 months and 2 days.

The deceased is survived by a widow, one son, Homer, who resides at the family home, and one daughter, Mrs. Geo. Walker of Cleveland.

Funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Wm. J. Drew of the Congregational church. Interment was made in Spring Grove cemetery.

### DIES OF BLOOD POISON

Mrs. Clarence Oyler, formerly Velma Houston, died of blood poisoning at her home in Wadsworth early Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Oyler had been ill about a week. She was 22 years of age and her demise is extremely sad, as three very small children are made motherless. She is also survived by a husband, parents, three sisters and two brothers. Funeral services were held from the Disciple church at Wadsworth, Friday at 11 a. m., with burial in Woodlawn cemetery, Wadsworth.

### VICTIM OF SHOOTING EXPECTED TO RECOVER

Man Responsible for Accident Is Released on Bail

Though still in a somewhat critical condition from the effects of a bullet wound sustained a week ago last Sunday night at her home in Medina by the accidental discharge of a revolver, it is believed by attendants at Fairview hospital, Cleveland, where she was taken following the shooting, that Mrs. Geo. Felton will recover.

Infection has developed slightly in the path of the bullet, it is reported, which is regarded as a very dangerous condition, and the weakness of the patient thus far has prevented an operation for removal of the bullet. Hospital physicians state that the recovery of Mrs. Felton rests largely on suppression of blood poison.

Mrs. Felton was injured by the careless flaunting of a revolver in the hands of Louis Solomon, an acquaintance of the family. To allay Mrs. Felton's fear of the weapon, Solomon threw the gun on the floor with the remark that there was no danger of the weapon exploding. It was discharged and the bullet, a 38 caliber, struck Mrs. Felton in the back, penetrating to within about two inches of the heart.

Solomon attempted to leave town, but was placed under arrest as he was about to take the train. He was bound over to the grand jury under a bond of \$1000. On Friday morning the bond was signed by Solomon, Frank Kovic and Gmbro Gilebar, and Solomon was released from jail.

### WOMAN NEARLY KILLED BY TRAIN AT SHARON

Mistook Freight for Passenger Train—Got Too Close

Mrs. Cynthia Arman, wife of W. L. Arman of Sharon Center, narrowly escaped death on Thursday evening of last week, when struck by a locomotive on the Northern Ohio railway at the Sharon Center station while waiting to board the regular east bound train for Akron.

She was thrown some distance and received injury to her head that for a number of hours after the accident it was thought would result fatally, by attendants at Akron Peoples hospital, where Mrs. Arman was conveyed.

When the train that struck Mrs. Arman came into sight, she mistook it for the passenger train, taking a position close to the track so as to lose no time in boarding when it stopped. Observing that the train was not going to stop, Mrs. Arman became excited in the belief that she was going to be left behind and in waving to the engineer got too close to the train, with the unfortunate result as stated.

Late reports from Peoples hospital are to the effect that Mrs. Arman is improving and will doubtless recover.

### MAN SAVES BOY FROM DEATH NEAR CRESTON

Snatches Lad From Path of B. & O. Fast Train

The Leroy school "kid wagon" was struck by a B. & O. train at a crossing near Creston one day last week, and but for the presence of mind of a bystander, one child would have been killed.

No one was in the wagon at the time of the collision, but Bobby Elliston, son of C. C. Elliston, the driver of the wagon, was removed from the vehicle a fraction of a minute before the crash, by Chris. Schlegel. The latter was only a few feet away with the one of the horses hitched to the wagon when the engine plowed into the wagon, wrecking it.

One of the horses hitched to the wagon caught its foot between a plank and a rail of the crossing and fell. The crossing flagman ran up the track to flag the oncoming train, but for some unaccountable reason the engineer disregarded the warning and in the excitement the boy's presence in the wagon was forgotten. The presence of mind of Schlegel is the only thing that saved the boy from certain death, say those who witnessed the accident.

### LOCAL COMPANY PAYS QUARTERLY DIVIDEND

The directors of the Medina Manufacturing Co. met on Dec. 29 and declared the regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent. payable on all stock of book record of Dec. 20.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the company will be held on Jan. 25 for the election of a new board of directors.

The company shut down two weeks ago to take the annual inventory, which is now in progress. It was the expressed expectation of the company to resume operations immediately following the taking of the inventory, but general business conditions at this time, say officials, do not warrant their doing so.

Rumors to the effect that the Ford Co. of Detroit has cancelled all its orders of the local company as well as The Henry Furnace and Foundry Co., are emphatically denied by officials of both of the latter companies, who state that while business may be suspended for a brief period, the outlook for an early resumption is propitious.

## A., C. & Y. PLANS BIG IMPROVEMENTS

### TO DRAIN, RE-RAIL AND BALLAST LINE

Will Resume Motor Car Service on January 15 Between Mogadore and Copley—Extension to Medina is Uncertain.

Information that is regarded as reliable was gleaned this week that the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railway, commonly known as the Northern Ohio, has decided upon a wholesale rejuvenation of its line, the entire distance from Akron to Delphos, and will begin work upon the improvements as early in the coming spring as weather conditions will allow.

Rumors to the effect that the Akron, Canton & Youngstown company's lease of the road is to be returned to the owners, the Wheeling & Lake Erie company, is denied by those regarded as in a position to speak with assurance concerning the matter.

The first item of improvement the company expects to take up will be the effecting of proper drainage, by opening an adequate ditch the whole length of the line.

Following this a complete new track will be laid, of steel rails considerably larger than the present rails, which are not holding up under the heavy freight traffic the company has been enjoying for some time, and which, it is said, is continually increasing.

The rails have been purchased, and work of laying them will start, it is believed, as soon as possible following completion of the work of drainage.

It is expected that ditching, laying of the rails and ballasting will consume a number of months.

Another movement that may be regarded as indicative of the widening scope of the company, is that of restoring the motor car service between Mogadore and Copley, which will be done on April 15.

This service was discontinued two or three months ago, the company stating at that time that the motor cars were not proving sufficiently reliable or satisfactory, and that the amount of passenger traffic did not warrant their continuance. Just what, if anything, has been done to stabilize the motor cars, or to justify the company in resuming the service, however, that the discontinuance was due more to a lack of travel in the rural districts during the winter months.

Whether or not the company purposes extending its motor car service as far as Medina, as seemed likely at one time last year, cannot be learned at this time, but the resuming of the service at so early a date, together with proposed extensive improvements of the line, may be taken as favorable to the "consumption" for which Medina people have so devoutly wished.

### READY FOR ERECTION OF FACTORY BUILDING

Work on the local rubber plant was resumed again on Monday, and early Wednesday morning Contractor Kelley announced the completion of the basement walls.

Everything is now ready, officials of the company say, to start upon the erection of the building just as soon as the lumber is all here, two or three car loads of which arrived this week. Several more cars are reported in transit for Medina.

Mr. J. A. Hopkins of Akron, who will be the manager of the new factory, arrived in Medina on Wednesday and will remain here from now on permanently. With Mr. C. R. Baker, Mr. Hopkins will be engaged for the next two or three weeks in arranging for the purchase and shipment of the factory machinery, the purpose being to have it ready for installation upon the completion of the superstructure.

The company received an official permit this week to operate in the state of California, and is already preparing its contracts for that field.

Mr. John A. Clark of Medina, who goes to Florida this week, will represent the local rubber company in that state and is expected to begin the closing of contracts there as soon as possible after his arrival.

### THROUGH FARES MAY RISE ON INTERURBANS

Through fares on interurban lines entering Cleveland may be raised 5 and 10 cents on each ticket as a result of the increase last week of the fares on the interurban cars while operating within Cleveland from 5 to 10 cents.

The State Utilities Commission has requested of Law Director Woods of Cleveland information on the situation and an interpretation of the Cleveland ordinance in its relation to through ticket service.

Will Cleveland demand one city fare of 10 cents or two city fares of 10 cents each, is the problem raised. Law Director Woods has the matter under advisement.

### DEATH AT COUNTY HOME

John Handy, 99 years of age, and an inmate of the County Home for more than half a century, died at the institution Wednesday night.

Supt. Foskett states that practically nothing is known of Handy's antecedents or life before entering the County Home.

Funeral service will be held today, and burial made in Wadsworth, to comply with a personal wish of Handy made some time ago.